

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) An image processing method comprising the steps of:

performing image processing on an image signal inputted from outside and thus generating image data;

generating a command instructing start of a print job with respect to the generated image data, a command including information indicating the number of print images on one page of a print sheet, and a capture command including print control information with respect to the generated image data;

including the generated image data and the respective commands into a packet conformable to the IEEE 1394 standard and outputting the packet to a printing device; and

wherein in the case where a blank image is included in an image area to be printed on the print sheet, setting a quantity of image data and a number of pixels in an X-direction and a Y-direction at zero as print control information with respect to the blank image and setting the capture command at a value indicating that the image type of the image data is not considered.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A printing method comprising the steps of:

performing image processing on an image signal inputted from outside and thus generating image data;

receiving input of the image data included in a packet conformable to the IEEE 1394 standard, a command instructing start of a print job with respect to the image data, a command including information indicating the number of print images on one page of a print sheet, and a capture command including print control information with respect to the generated image data; and

setting an image area to be printed on the print sheet as a blank area in the case where the capture command is inputted which sets a quantity of image data and a number of pixels in an X-direction and a Y-direction at zero as print control information and setting the capture command at a value indicating that the image type of the image data is not considered.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)